

BOARD OF REVIEW DECISION

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Summary of reasons for decision:

Each of these six images is a visual record of the sexual abuse of females. They are all either girls or young persons. The Board holds that each of them goes through the gateway in s3(1) of the Act, and each is deemed objectionable because, in terms of s 3(2)(a), it promotes "the exploitation of children, or young persons, or both, for sexual purposes".

The exploitative images of the girls convey the idea that they are sexually accessible. The girls are presented as legitimate subjects for adult sexual interest. In one case, for instance, the photograph is of a nude girl kneeling on a pillow, looking apprehensively at the camera. The word "throated" is written in red on her upper chest. By implication this has been written by an adult male, and sexual activity has just occurred or is about to occur. The depiction of actual sexual activity is unnecessary if the statutory test is met.